

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3744
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PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEVA YOJANA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojana is not giving desired result in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the reason therefor;
- (c) the number of villages covered under this Yojana in Orissa;
- (d) the number of villages yet to be covered by this Yojana?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) & (b): Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana is giving desired result in rural areas.
- (c) & (d): 179 villages have been already covered by this Yojana in Orissa. Out of the target of 35 for the current financial year, 15 Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras have already been opened.